

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING FORMER STATE SENATOR WALTER JOHN CHILSEN ON HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

**HON. SEAN P. DUFFY**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2011*

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer congratulations to former State Senator Walter John Chilsen on his many years of service to the citizens of the State of Wisconsin.

Walter John is a World War II veteran, serving as a B-24 navigator in the Pacific. He graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin, in 1949, and began his career in radio and television broadcasting at WLIN radio in Merrill, Wisconsin.

In 1954 he moved to WSAU radio in Wausau and was the first News Director and Anchor for WSAU-TV when it signed-on the air in October of 1954. Often referred to as "the Walter Cronkite of the North," Walter John was inducted into the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in 2005. Walter John was elected to the Wisconsin State Senate in 1966 and served until his retirement in 1990.

During his time in the Wisconsin State Legislature, he established a reputation for his commonsense approach to public policy and for always acting in the best interest of his constituents. He was recognized as a leader by his colleagues, serving as Majority Caucus Secretary, Assistant Minority Leader and, ultimately, Minority Leader. Walter John has remained politically active since his retirement from the Legislature, serving on the Town of Weston Board of Supervisors. In many ways, Walter John has been and continues to be the political conscience of the Wausau area.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize the many contributions former State Senator Walter John Chilsen has made on behalf of his fellow citizens, and I ask my colleagues to join me in offering him our best wishes.

KATE PUZEY PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER PROTECTION ACT OF 2011

SPEECH OF

**HON. NIKI TSONGAS**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 1, 2011*

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained attending a funeral on November 1, 2011 and was unable to cast a vote for the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act, a bill which I strongly endorse. Had I been present, I would have voted for it on rollcall Vote 817.

I strongly support the Peace Corps program. My late husband Paul Tsongas served as a

Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia from 1962–1964, and as Peace Corps Country Director in the West Indies in 1967 and 1968. He went on to become the first former Peace Corps volunteer to be elected to the U.S. Senate. Our daughter Ashley served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Madagascar.

Peace Corps volunteers brave many challenges during their service. That is why I was proud to be an early supporter of the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act, which strengthens the Peace Corps and ensures that volunteers have the support and resources they need. Volunteers deserve to be treated with dignity, empowerment, and respect in the event that they are a victim of a crime like sexual assault. And, addressing these challenges will strengthen the Peace Corps as an institution and make it a program in which more Americans will want to participate.

One of the challenges when confronting this crime is that victims of sexual assault often face blame for their victimization. This is one of very few crimes, if not the only crime, where a victim's intentions and actions are scrutinized and questioned following an assault. To address this, the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act requires the Peace Corps to create a sexual assault response team and guarantees that victims have access to a Victim Advocate. It further requires that volunteers be fully informed of their rights to file a report, for treatment, for a forensic evidence examination, for emergency health treatment, and for legal representation. The Peace Corps has already acted proactively to address many of these issues. This Act further codifies these reforms.

We owe a great debt to anyone who is harmed while serving our country. We may never be able to eradicate crimes in other countries where our volunteers work, but we can change the way our institutions respond to them. These improvements will strengthen the Peace Corps and guarantee its success for years to come.

IN HONOR OF THE RIVERDALE  
COMMUNITY CENTER

**HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2011*

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, neighborhoods become true communities when people band together for their common good. In Riverdale this happened when the Riverdale Community Center, a non-profit, grass roots, multi-cultural, multi-service agency was founded in 1972 by the Parents' Association and principal of MS/HS 141, Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy, the school where it is located.

Since then the RCC has provided cultural, recreational, academic and developmental activities for area residents and students with many youth programs provided at no cost

through the generosity of state and city government agencies, private foundations, individual donors and elected officials. Each year, more than 1,000 children, teens, adults and seniors enjoy activities at the Center.

Among the programs offered are an adult and youth education center with classes in wellness, languages, life skills, leisure activities, and arts and music among many others; after school programs for middle schools, including a comprehensive, holistic program that focuses on the whole child and assists young people in developing a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging, and empowerment; and for high school they have programs designed to help teens stay in school and on track towards graduation; a teen theater, teen action programs offering young people the opportunity to make a difference in their school and their community; and a career readiness workshop teaching valuable life skills that help students identify careers interests.

RCC's primary mission today is the same as when it was founded: To provide within the community cultural, recreational, and developmental activities and entertainment, instruction, athletics, sports and other wholesome activities for children and adults, under supervision and guidance in order to aide and maintain the physical and mental health of the people in the community, as a basis and preventative means of combating delinquency and as a means of bringing people together under proper supervision in appropriate surroundings.

The RCC is hugely successful in fulfilling its mission by contributing so much for so long to the community. I enthusiastically join in congratulating this fine organization on its fortieth anniversary for the many and varied contributions it has made to the community, and wish it many more years of success.

IN HONOR OF WARREN EJIMA,  
TOM FUJIMOTO, ASA HANAMOTO,  
MAS HASHIMOTO, HIROSHI ITO,  
THOMAS SAKAMOTO, AND  
MARVIN IRATSU

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 3, 2011*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Warren Ejima, Tom Fujimoto, Asa Hanamoto, Mas Hashimoto, Hiroshi Ito, Thomas Sakamoto, and Marvin Iratsu for their courageous service to our nation during World War II as part of the Military Intelligence Service, MIS.

Established on November 1, 1941, MIS graduated 6,000 service members during World War II to provide critical Japanese language capabilities to the American military. These brave servicemen and women provided translation, interpretation and code breaking services in the essential Pacific Theater, which contributed significantly to our nation's victory.

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